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## **Bank Robbery Suspect Arrested**

The Royal Oak Police Department has arrested a bank robbery suspect fleeing from the PNC Bank located at 1710 E. Twelve Mile Road. The suspect entered the bank at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, armed with what turned out to be a toy handgun. When the subject approached a teller, brandished the handgun and demanded money, a customer inside the bank confronted the suspect and attempted to subdue him. The suspect broke free and fled to a vehicle he had parked several blocks away.

Several witnesses called 911 and provided responding officers with the suspect's description, direction of travel and vehicle information.

"If not for the witnesses quickly calling police, it is likely this suspect would have gotten away. I would like to commend all the witnesses, including Royal Oak's own Department of Public Works employees who briefly pursued this suspect on foot." Chief Corey O'Donohue

The suspect is a 62-year-old Ypsilanti resident. He was arrested for armed robbery, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

The suspect has a criminal history which dates back to 1970. His prior convictions include Felony Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felony Larceny in a Building, Felony Larceny from a Vacant Building, and Bank Robbery.

The Royal Oak Police Department in conjunction with the FBI is investigating this incident. For further information please contact Lieutenant David Clemens of the Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at (248) 246-3456 or the FBI Detroit Field Office at (313) 965-2323 and reference Royal Oak Police Department report #15-6133.

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